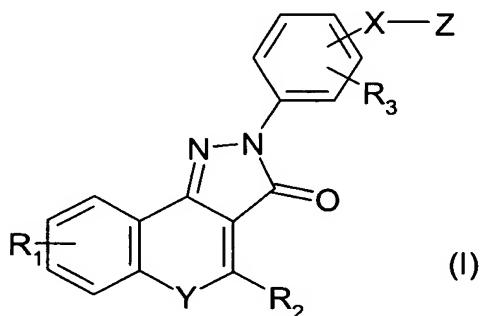


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt thereof:



wherein

Z represents a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) or an ester thereof;

R₁ and R₃ independently represent H; F; Cl; Br; -NO₂; -CN; C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted by F or Cl; or C₁-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted by F;

R₂ represents optionally substituted C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or optionally substituted phenyl;

Y represents -O-, -S-, N-oxide, or -N(R₅)- wherein R₅ represents H or C₁-C₆ alkyl; and

X represents a bond or a group selected from; a divalent C₁-C₆ alkylene radical, NHC(O) C₁₋₅ alkyl or NHC(O) CH₂-O-CH₂.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein X is a bond or a $-\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ radical.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 1 or ~~claim 2~~ wherein Z is $-\text{COOH}$.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_1 is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_2 is cyclopropyl, phenyl, or fluoro-, chloro-, methyl, methoxy-, nitro-, or amino- substituted phenyl.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R_3 is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein Y is $-\text{N}(\text{R}_5)-$ wherein R_5 represents H or methyl.

Claim 8. (Canceled).

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7 in the manufacture of a~~ A medicament for the treatment of conditions which benefit from immunomodulation comprising an effective dose of a compound according to claim 1.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administration administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of a compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

Claim 12. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein Z is -COOH.

Claim 13. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein R₁ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

Claim 14. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein R₂ is cyclopropyl, phenyl, or fluoro-, chloro-, methyl, methoxy-, nitro-, or amino- substituted phenyl.

Claim 15. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein R₃ is H, F, Cl, methyl, methoxy, or methylenedioxy.

Claim 16. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 2 wherein Y is -N(R₅)- wherein R₅ represents H or methyl.

Claim 17. (New) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of a compound as claimed in claim 2.

Claim 18. (New) A method of immunomodulation in mammals, including humans, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an immunomodulatory effective dose of a compound as claimed in claim 3.

Claim 19. (New) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 2 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

Claim 20. (New) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 3 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.

Claim 21. (New) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 4 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.